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Environmental Protection Agency  
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Washington, DC 20460

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RE: Draft Chesapeake Bay TMDL  
Docket ID: EPA-R03-OW-2010-0736

Dear Environmental Protection Agency,

This letter is in response to the draft Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load (TMDL) issued by your agency. Being a dairy farmer in New York State your rulings will directly impact us. We are beseeching you to please listen to and take into account our concerns stated throughout the rest of this letter.

The dairy industry has endured many financial blows the last several years testing us in all areas of our lives; we recently attended an EPA DEC meeting Elmira New York on the TMDL. We came away certain that our biggest test will be coming in the very near future. Your agency is regulating smaller Farms right out of business. We heard that there may be cost sharing; although no one would talk about the cost to us or the State of New York.

As the financial crisis hits more sectors in our community. We often hear we need to put more money into more populated areas. This seems to be the case with the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. You will sacrifice the less populated areas for the greater good of the masses, even though there will be no financial or environmental impact on their lives. ~~No one is forcing them to meet the standards that you will be expecting us to follow.~~

Respectfully,



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